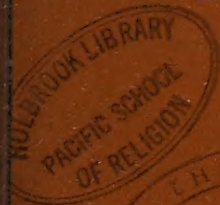
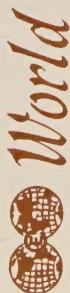


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Oregon

God's Big Neighborhoods

The Middle East, Ireland, Guatemala, Germany, India, these names pop up often on the 6 o'clock news or on the front

page of the evening press. It is the notoriety of political instability, war, or a natural disaster such as a flood or drought that shines the spotlight on a nation. Do we stop to think that in these far away lands there are Christian Endeavorers just like us? Those who congregate in regular meetings to learn about God and spreading His Word, who elect officers and hold conventions, minister to the sick or elderly, or circulate Christian Endeavor literature to non-Christians. Those who many times have to work against the hardships of gunfire, an oppressive government, or chaos brought on by thousands who find themselves overnight homeless victims of an earthquake.

It is hard to think in these terms especially when one is concerned with the challenges of his own neighborhood, or his own nation, much less the whole world! But that is what Christian Endeavor is all about. We are concerned with **all** of God's neighborhoods. We need to work together through the organization of Christian Endeavor which bridges the gaps of language, race, culture, and politics. Our bridge is made of the strongest material known to man, Christian love. Anything man builds himself will eventually perish. It is only through Christ that an eternal structure will stand . . . a bridge that connects all of God's big neighborhoods.

—K. P. Manz

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A Visit to Lebanon and East Germany

Arno Pagel, president
World's Christian Endeavor Union

Among my trips in the recent months for the Marburger Mission (in my full-time work I am the Director of this German Foreign Mission Agency) and the World's Christian Endeavor Union, were visits to Lebanon and East Germany. I could also give encouraging reports of the Christian work in Thailand where the Marburger Mission has its main field. I could describe the zeal and enthusiasm of our Indian Endeavorers who have started with their preparations for the 18th World's Christian Endeavor Convention which is being held in New Delhi in October 1978. I could mention my stay in Kuwait where a very small minority of evangelical Christians are living in a strong Moslem environment under very troublesome circumstances. But let me focus your attention on the situation in which young Christians in the first two named countries are trying to serve the Lord and to extend His Kingdom.

When I arrived in Lebanon on March 5, 1977, I had first to face a considerable disappointment. Before starting my trip, I had sent some letters to addresses in Beirut informing those people of the date of my coming. I had received no answer. So I did not know if my correspondence had really reached its destination. The whole postal system was still very irregular in those months after the Civil War in Lebanon. Indeed, no Endeavorer was at the airport to pick me up. I felt very lonely in the ruins of post-war Beirut. Fortunately I was able to contact an Arab Christian whose address I had received in Germany. He is associated with the Karmel Mission, a German Foreign Mission agency working in the Middle East countries. He rang up different homes and persons of which he thought they could be affiliated to Christian Endeavor. After many futile efforts, we finally succeeded to find some Endeavorers who were members of the Armenian Church. My joy and thankfulness was extremely great to see those Christian brothers and sisters who had undergone very bad and sad months of tribulation and destruction. Wherever you went you saw damage and ruins, the results of the disastrous Civil War. But in our small conference of Christian Endeavor, we were comforted and strengthened by our mutual faith and fellowship.

Christian Endeavor is not strong among Arabs in the present time, but is well known and spread among Armenians. These people have endured many sufferings and massacres in its painful history, but there is a strong Christian influence in it. Among those with whom I could talk was an old friend of mine, Mr. Badeer. We had met together in 1952 at a conference in Rome and again at the World's Convention in Frankfurt 1958. My old and new friends told me their experiences in the dark time of war. The fact that most moved my heart was the information that they had continued their meetings in spite of all dangers and menaces. The number of those attending had sometimes become very small according to the depressing situation. But just in that afflicting time the Word of God and the fellowship among God's people proved to be a strengthening and uplifting reality. After the end of the terrible war, the Lord gave a kind of spiritual awakening in some of the Christian Endeavor groups. Sixty, seventy and more young people were flocking into the meetings.

I made a visit to the Camp Center of the Armenian Union which is located in the picturesque hill district near Beirut. In happy and peaceful years the vast compound had offered physical and spiritual recreation to generations of Endeavorers. A lot of cottages and dormitories, and an attractive church building had received the crowds.

Now you saw the great damage caused by bombs and bullets. But I was told that there were plans to start afresh with the camp work as soon as possible. The German Christian Endeavor Union has sent in the meantime a certain amount of money to the Armenian Union helping to restore the area.

For a lot of years it was very difficult and nearly impossible for a citizen of West Germany — as I am — to make a visit to the eastern part of this divided country. Now the situation has become somewhat more favorable. In 1976 and again in the Summer of 1977, I received permission to enter the German Democratic Republic. One place I saw was an old castle, called the "Wartburg," near the small town of Eisenach, where Martin Luther translated the New Testament into the German language. German Christians cherish this event as one of the most blessed experiences in the history of our people.

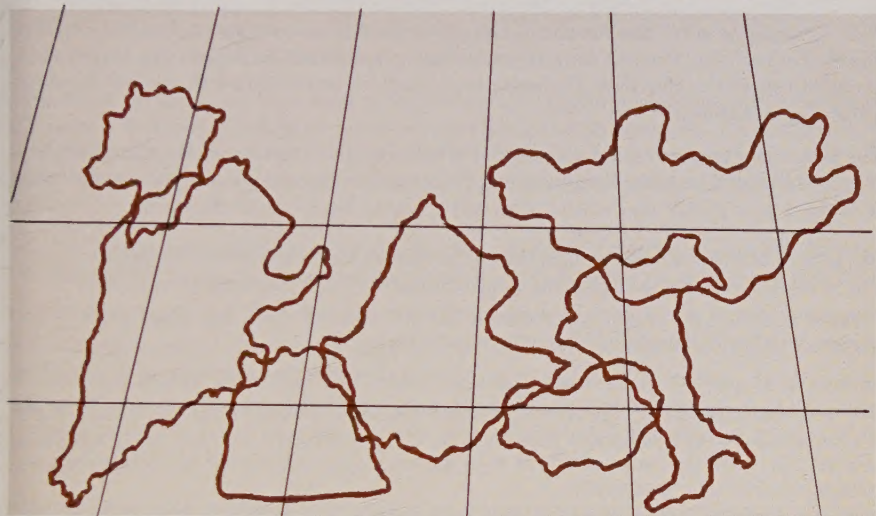
There is no organized Christian Endeavor in East Germany. The movement was very strong before the Communists came into power. The former Headquarters of the German Christian Endeavor was at Woltersdorf near Berlin in the German Democratic Republic. It is now serving as a Christian hospital and Guest House or Holiday Home. Young Christians have to endure much discrimination in their social and professional life in a country which is based on Communist and atheistic ideology. Most of them have no chances to study at a university though they may be extremely gifted. But there are a lot of valiant people who stand for Christ and their faith. They meet in groups without any special membership, many of which are working on the foundation of Christian Endeavor principles. They would be organized Christian Endeavor groups in normal times.

The largest Christian Convention in East Germany is the meeting of the Evangelical Alliance in Bad Blankenburg which was being held as the 84th this summer. I was privileged to take part for one day. Two-thirds of the 4,000 visitors were young people. It was encouraging to see them eagerly listening to the messages. To really receive the proclamation of the Word of God in Bad Blankenburg needs much mental and spiritual attention and willingness on the part of the listeners. It is an introduction into all the riches of the Bible. The young people I saw showed much readiness. They had their open Bible before them and were armed with pencils, saving the crop of thoughts in their notebooks. Their singing was enthusiastic, many know the text and the melody by heart.

One special climax of my visit was my meeting together with a group of young Christians from Hungary. There were 28 young men and women all lodging in one single private home which offered them hospitality from the basement to the loft. The constant inhabitants, including an old grandmother, had retired into any dark corner and found their shelter there. The young Hungarians were insatiable in learning news and information about the kingdom of God around the world and the Christian Endeavor movement. They also wished to hear about Jimmy Carter, Billy Graham, the Christians of Uganda and much more. They asked me many questions. If Christian Endeavor would be permitted in their country, they certainly would join it as their fathers and mothers did in a more happy past.

I was much touched in my heart when I was told that some of the group who had not yet given their life to Christ before, made a decision of faith during their stay in East Germany. They came from one Communist country into another and found the living Saviour there. Our God is great. Jesus is a Living Saviour. He is using Christian Endeavor and other persons and instruments in spreading His Gospel and Kingdom around the world.

Christian Endeavor Geography



AUSTRALIA

Christian Endeavour in Australia began at the Hope Street Church of Christ, in Geelong, Victoria, on June 5, 1883. The initial membership of 8 rapidly grew to 27 with an average of 21 at the weekly meetings during the first year. Christian Endeavour quickly spread throughout Australia and in a short time became a national organization. On April 4, 1893 the Australian Christian Endeavour Union was formed. Membership grew strongly and reached a peak of 70,000 during 1938. A decline followed the world war and membership is currently around 30,000.

There are six State Unions within the Australian Christian Endeavour Union. Christian Endeavour in each state contains groups and grades including — Nursery, Buds, Juniors, Young People, Young Adults, Adults, and National Fellowship of Christian Endeavour, thus catering for all age groups.

A National Convention and meeting of the Australian Council occurs once every two years. Endeavourers from all parts of Australia and some from overseas attend the National Conventions. At the Australian Council meetings the National Officers are elected, policy matters are determined, the business of the Australian Union is transacted, and the finances for the ensuing two years are adopted in budget form.

Christian Endeavour in Australia is operating in the majority of the Protestant Churches and throughout its history has played a responsible part in training and providing leaders in Church, Industry, Commerce, Education, and Society.

Currently the Australian Christian Endeavour Union is exploring every possibility associated with the development and greatest possible expansion of Field Work. A National Co-ordinator of Field Work has been appointed and early results have been most encouraging. Emphasis in leadership training is the prime objective during the initial stages of field work development. A new and exciting phase involving more purposeful witness and increased membership is envisaged as a direct result of the intensive development of Field Work throughout Australia.

JAPAN

In 1885, the Christian Endeavor Movement was introduced in Japan by Dr. James H. Pettie, a missionary of the American Board, who was also a seminary classmate of Dr. Clark. Through Dr. Pettie's contact with other missionaries in Japan, the movement started to spread as Christian Endeavor organizations were formed among the mission schools and churches.

The first national convention was held in 1893 with the presence of Dr. Clark. The Japan Union of Christian Endeavor was then formed. Successive annual conventions were held until 1918. These ultimately gave way to Regional Conferences.

By 1926, Christian Endeavor had become a very strong organization in Japan. There were about 300 societies and approximately 10,000 members in various denominations, it was especially supported in the Methodist Church which had the largest number of Christian Endeavor societies.

In July 1941, most of the protestant denominations in Japan were merged into one denomination, the United Church of Christ in Japan. At this time, the Japan Christian Endeavor Union was disbanded and merged into the United Church of Christ youth association. With the onset of World War II, the Japan Christian Endeavor almost completely lost its organization.

After the war, there appeared to be a need for an organization again which could continue a closer relationship with the World's Union. The Japan Christian Endeavor was therefore reorganized in August 1946. It continued to grow in strength and in 1956 was the host for the Area I Conference in Karuizawa.

Annual Summer Camps of the Devotional Movement were held after the Union's reorganization which proved to be very successful. Many young people committed themselves to serve as Christian workers including a large portion who decided to become ministers. Today, these devotional camps continue to be held in more and more different places and/or by different organizations. During the past 30 years, literally hundreds of Christian teachers, doctors, nurses, nursing home workers and others have been produced from these camps. These numbers may seem small, but only one percent of Japan's population is Christian.

There are a lot of hurdles that the Japanese Christian Endeavor leaders have had to deal with. Even today they are confronted with a radical minority group within the United Church of Christ in Japan. These youth, "are so critical of any kind of tradition, that even Christian mission work is neglected. Instead, their strength has been emphasized only by such extremes as their political and social action, which was sometimes violent, and through which we were even hurt physically," states the Rev. Takashi Oku, president of the Japan Christian Endeavor Union.

Many people in Japan come to church without any knowledge of Christianity or the Bible, and without any experience or ideas about the Christian life. The Christian Endeavor leaders feel that someone has to show this to them, especially to the young people. That is why Christian Endeavor is so critical to the needs of the Japanese people. Rev. Oku says, "through the Christian Endeavor spirit, I believe that our purpose of helping each young person to be trained to become an active young Christian will be realized. They will learn a lot by "doing" and we are determined to give them this chance to be involved in such "doing's."

Your prayers are requested by the Japanese Christian Endeavor leaders to remember their devotional camps and the 99% non-Christian population of that country.

NETHERLANDS

In 1905 there was a great revival in Wales. Some Dutch Christians went to England and learned about that revival in Wales. The fire of the revival came with those Christians to Holland and Dutch tent missions were started.

Several of the ministers that went to England had their first encounter with Christian Endeavor. A couple of years later, Rev. Clark visited the Netherlands on a world tour, and spoke to many people in Amsterdam. Dr. Clark received a lot of exposure and the stage was set for the founding of the first Dutch Christian Endeavor Youth Society in 1910.

In 1920, there were about 26 societies. At the same time, large German societies were established for the many German girls who came to Holland to work in Dutch families.

Today there are 8 Christian Endeavor youth societies in Holland consisting of about 150 members. About three years ago, the first Christian Endeavor society in Belgium in French language was founded with 6 members.

The Dutch Christian Endeavor members often visit German Christian Endeavor meetings. Other foreign contacts include aiding Dutch Christian Endeavor members who go to Bible schools in Germany or Brussels.

The Dutch society members hold weekly meetings of praying and Bible study. Some societies have an hour of music and singing. Outside activities include singing and talking on the streets, singing and talking to ill and old people in hospitals and in prisons. Money that is collected is used for such projects as contributing to an aid program in Lebanon or buying Bibles for children in Armenia.

... BUDAPEST, HUNGARY (Sept. 6, 1977)

A news release from the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association reported that Evangelist Billy Graham's first service in Hungary was very strongly received. His initial service was held at Tahi Baptist Youth Camp. Four thousand were expected but as early as 5 a.m. over a thousand people had congregated. By service time, an estimated 15,000 had filled all available space by sitting on blankets on the hillside and standing back under the trees. It was believed to be one of the largest audiences for a religious gathering since World War II. Word of Mr. Graham's appearance had been announced in the churches, there had been no advertising.

The text for his sermon was John 3:16 . . . "For God so loved the world . . ." He made the point that no matter what government system you live in, God loves you. At the conclusion, Mr. Graham asked those who wanted to accept Christ or to renew their confirmation to raise their hands. It appeared that more than half the audience responded.

Mr. Graham emphasized that while he came to Hungary to learn about their church-state relations, he was really there to preach the gospel. "I come to you to speak of the life, the death, and the resurrection of Jesus Christ. I want my preaching to be very plain, not trusting oratory and human wisdom, but trusting the power of God's Word," stated the evangelist.

GUATEMALA

Christian Endeavor was first introduced to Guatemala in about 1922. Today there are around 2,500 members, the majority belonging to Presbyterian congregations.

The societies are grouped by districts based on geographical location. The districts form the National Union which has its office in Guatemala City.

To attain various goals developed for the Endeavorers, special activities are provided for spiritual growth. On June 1, 1977 an hour of prayer from 6:30 to 7:30 am was begun on a daily national basis. A program of prayer vigils where members of several societies gather together in one place was started on July 2, 1977.

A future project is the establishment of a Christian Endeavor bookstore. The Christian Endeavor leaders of that country see a great need to provide special literature for Endeavorers and for the general public.

Guatemala sent a delegation of six to the Reading convention to report on the work done in their homeland following the devastating earthquake of 1976. About \$30,000 was received from the World's Union and International Christian Endeavor Society for assistance in rebuilding the homes of Guatemala City. The money was used to purchase trucks and block machines, and other supplies. The money has since been replenished through donations. "This is surely the hand of the Lord at work," convention delegate Walter Saavedra exclaimed.

NIGERIA, WEST AFRICA

The Nigerian Christian Endeavor Union was formed in 1971 after the Civil War in Nigeria. This union was officially recognized in 1973 when Dr. Clyde W. Meadows, the president of the World Christian Endeavor Union, visited Nigeria and held a two week conference. Since then, a total of 30 churches with more than 35,800 members are members of the Nigerian Christian Endeavor Union.

In 1971, the Nigerian Christian Endeavor established a secondary school that opened with 69 students. In 1972, the school's enrollment had grown to 250. The school was approved for West African School Certification in 1975 and 50 students were graduated that year. A Bible College was established and opened in September of this year by the Christian Endeavor Union. There are 850 students enrolled in this school.

The Union's General Secretary, the Rev. A. A. Akpan, states that there have been many blessings to his country in the past four years in terms of Christian Endeavor growth. Originally most of the church buildings were mud buildings with mat roofs. Now they are constructed of cement blocks with zinc roofs. There has also been an increase in the attendance of young people in Sunday School and preaching services.

SAMOA

Christian Endeavor work in Samoa began in 1890 under the leadership of the Reverend Henry Newell of the London Missionary Society, who was the principal of Malua Theological College. The original membership consisted of Reverend and Mrs. Henry Newell and the Reverend and Mrs. A. Sa'aga. The membership slowly increased to include the students of Malua Theological College and their families. As the students graduated from the college and went out to pastor churches in the Samoan villages, they started Christian Endeavor activities in those churches.

The union grew to include all the churches of the Congregational Christian Church in Samoa. At the present time, more than eight decades after its birth, the membership of the Christian Endeavor Union in Samoa is estimated to be between 28,000 and 30,000.

WALES

Christian Endeavor came to Wales in 1888, when at Whitsuntide that year, the first Christian Endeavor Society was organized. By 1893, there were 29 societies in existence which held the first Welsh Convention. Christian Endeavor grew in numbers and strength, and on Easter 1900, the first Annual Convention of the National Christian Endeavor Union of Wales was held. The national convention has been held on Easter Monday each year since. In the immediate post-war years, it was often difficult to find a hall which would accommodate all who attended the convention. On these occasions it was necessary to use two churches, with meetings being held simultaneously in each Church.

The Welsh Christian Endeavor leaders put particular emphasis upon the young members reading and studying of God's Word. As an incentive, competitions are held each year. The G. F. Austin Inter-Union Bible Quiz Trophy, and the Gwen Skone Society Award Cup are awarded in group competitions. Competitions for individual Junior Endeavorers, in respective age groups, are also arranged annually.

A major project which has been supported for the past thirty years throughout the principality is the Floating Christian Endeavor Work. Each Christmas, over a thousand packets containing gifts and Gospels are distributed among the ships in the South Wales ports.

CANADA

The history of Christian Endeavor in Canada dates back to February 12, 1883 when the first society was established in St. John, New Brunswick. By 1890 there were 106 societies in the Maritime Provinces which were organized into a Union and five years later, 600 societies were recorded. Societies were also organized throughout the Western Provinces and by 1894, Christian Endeavor membership reached over 70,000. The membership has decreased though over the years as various churches desired to conduct their young people's work under the direction of their own denomination.

The two governing bodies directing Christian Endeavor work in Canada are the Ontario Society of Christian Endeavor and the Canadian Christian Endeavor Union.

Highlighting Ontario Christian Endeavor activities are the annual conventions and summer conferences with local societies placing great emphasis on missions through financial support. In recent years, eight Ontario Christian Endeavorers have served as missionaries in Japan, Formosa, Nigeria, Sierra Leone and New Mexico.

The Canadian Union holds an annual business meeting and much of its work consists of correspondence and the dispensing of funds to assist the World's Union and the International Society of Christian Endeavor.

Canadian Endeavorers are justly proud that Dr. Francis E. Clark was a Canadian by birth, born September 12, 1851 at Cherry Cottage in Aylmer, Quebec. During the Christian Citizenship Convocation in Ottawa in 1960, a bronze plaque with a maple leaf and containing the Christian Endeavor monogram was unveiled by the Canadian Union in the Presbyterian Church at Aylmer which Dr. Clark attended as a boy.

A Report From Area II

W. J. Sharpe

Area II of Christian Endeavor consists of Europe, Africa, Pakistan, the Near East and the Caribbean (except Jamaica). Its headquarters are located in Coventry, England. William J. Sharpe is the General Secretary of Area II and has filed the following report of Christian Endeavor activities in that area.

Great Britain

... The 79th Annual Convention of the Union was held in Hove, Sussex, in early June, when the Rev. Harry Millman was inducted to the presidency. This was an occasion when the World President, the Rev. Arno Pagel, spoke on Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon, the latter occasion being used as an informal session. The World President spoke and answered questions on his experiences in World Christian Endeavor. The Area II secretary acted as chairman, the other guest speaker of the Convention was the Rev. George Duncan.

... An invitation from the Scottish Christian Endeavor Union has been accepted for the 80th British Convention to be held jointly with the Scottish Convention in Glasgow on May 26-30th, 1978.

... The Welsh Annual Convention held on Easter Monday had as its guest speaker the Rev. Arno Pagel, World President. Two further engagements arranged for him in Bristol and Coventry were denied his services owing to his recall to Germany by a death in his family. The Revs. Colin Lewis and Andrew Wright deputised for the Rev. Pagel.

... The new Christian Endeavor Headquarters in Leamington Spa, Warwickshire, are proving attractive to visitors from overseas, as well as being used for conferences and committees arranged by the British Union.

India

... The Rev. T. V. Thilaha Dhas, who has been studying in the Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, California, broke his journey in England as he traveled back home, and was entertained in the Southbourne and Leamington Spa, when he met the staff at Christian Endeavor Headquarters. He returns to India to take up his work as Traveling Secretary.

Syria and Lebanon

... Heartening news has recently been received from these lands, following a visit which we were able to arrange as the World President returned from India, calling in on Kuwait and Lebanon. In addition to the individual activities and regular Sunday meetings of each society, the Central Committee operate the following: a summer camp for conferences and an annual free vacation for 100-125 under-nourished children (Christian Endeavor has owned this camp since 1949); a monthly publication of 24 pages serving youth; a monthly publication for youngsters; a "Daily Reading" pamphlet which is the Armenian translation of "The Upper Room." They have a small printing house in addition to the office. It is hoped that a representative of this Union will be present at the meetings in Barcelona.

Spain

... Endeavorers there are anticipating the visit of the Area II Council and the Board of Trustees in October, 1977. In addition to the business sessions, the program includes participation in local church services, fellowship with local Endeavorers, and an excursion to their summer camp, Agua Viva.

Portugal

... We are saddened to learn of the death of our dear friend, the Rev. Agestinho Arbiol, who was so faithful in his work for Christian Endeavor. It was under his influence that the Portuguese Union was reconstituted in Porto in 1960. Three years later, Area II held its meetings there.

Germany

... The Annual Convention was held July 29-31st in the city of Minden, the theme of the sessions were "Discover Jesus." The German Union combining with the Gnadauer Gemeinschaft (Fellowship) are launching a Mission Campaign called "Berlin '77" from October 24th to November 2, 1977, the slogan of the campaign is "Mankind Needs Christ."



Five-thousand attended the German Christian Endeavor Convention '77 at Minden

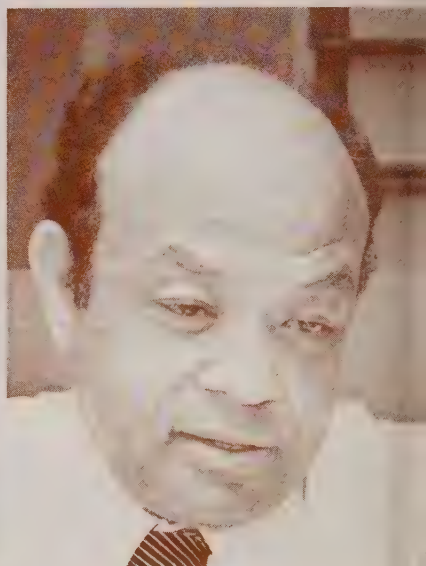
Holland

A group of Dutch Endeavorers under the leadership of Sister Francina van der Meer, carried through an extensive program of visits to the German Democratic Republic lasting from June 24th to July 6th. Fellowship was enjoyed with Christians in Meltersdorf, Rostock, Einsenach, Jena, Dresden, and many other well-known centers.

Foreign Representatives at Reading



The Rev. J. V. Dhas of India (L) and the Rev. Conrad Brandt of Germany



Wadie Fahny Hermina of Egypt

Many foreign countries were represented at the 54th International Christian Endeavor Convention this past July in Reading, Pennsylvania. Three of those representatives, The Rev. J. V. Dhas, secretary of the India Christian Endeavor Union, Wadie Fahny Hermina of Egypt, and the Rev. Conrad Brandt, traveling secretary of Christian Endeavor in Germany, present various looks at Christian Endeavor in these nations.

Rev. Dhas is a member and pastor of the Church of South India which is the largest Christian denomination in that country. There are nearly 3,000 Christian Endeavor societies with each society having from 25 to 60 members. It was through one of these societies that he, "learned to pray, to preach or deliver a message."

As traveling secretary, Rev. Dhas left India in September of 1976. He went to Europe and then on to the United States. He spent a school year at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California where he received his master of divinity degree. From there he went to the Reading convention and then on to England and Germany and is now home in India. His work is cut out for him for the next year as in October 1978, the World Christian Endeavor Union Convention will be held in New Delhi, India.

Wadie Fahny Hermina, of Hermina Transport & Trading Corporation in Cairo, is a Christian businessman. He has been active in Christian Endeavor since he was 11 years old. There are two branches of Christian Endeavor in his country, the youth branch and the adult branch, of which he has been active in both.

As an ambassador for his homeland, he represented the board of Christian Endeavor in Egypt at the Middle East Development Conference in Maine of 1976. At the Reading Convention this past Summer, he spoke on the Christian in Egypt, and following the

convention, he attended the Joint Mid East American Business Convention in San Francisco.

His main goal is to build good relations between the United States and Egypt. "We in Egypt are trying to build good relations with the United States and encourage business between the two nations. Since the new government, much has changed in both our business world and our Christian freedoms."

The Rev. Conrad Brandt, accompanied by 36 delegates from Germany, were the largest foreign group to attend the Reading Convention. In their country, Christian Endeavor is fairly popular and reaches between 20,000 and 30,000 people.

In Germany, the government does not control the Church but it does have authority over its finances. Church finances are set by the government through a 10 percent Church tax. However, the Christian Endeavor is not included in this money, all money used in this work is obtained through offerings within the churches involved.

Much of the work of Rev. Brandt's office is done in India where the educational well being of the people is helped by the German Endeavorers.

Other field work takes place in Brazil. From February 14 to March 10, 1977, a group of 23 German Endeavorers accompanied Rev. Brandt throughout Brazil where they took part in a retreat of Christian adults, and attended a Youth Convention with around 200 Brazilians. Most of the Brazilian youth belonged to churches established by the German Marburger Mission, thereby having German parents or grandparents.

Another big event of the trip was the opening of the Christian Endeavor Mission-school at Ponta Grossa. It is supported and operated by the German Christian Endeavorers. The mission cares for almost 300 children by providing food and medical care as well as religious instruction.



Children in line for food at the Ponta Grossa Mission

NEWS



... As we look to the **Centennial Celebration** of the Christian Endeavor movement in 1981, the Board of Trustees of the International Society has been established as the Centennial Committee with the Executive Committee serving as the Steering Committee. Harold Bogart, chairman, has reserved each Tuesday evening in 1978 to meet with Endeavorers in cities throughout the North American continent to touch the grass roots of the movement and establish committees on *goals, communications, finance, and celebration*. Contact **Mr. Harold Bogart**, 34435 Lytle, Farmington, Michigan 49024, or call either (313) 477-7930 or (313) 322-3763 and host a group of Endeavorers in your area. Our plan is to establish these committees in the following areas: *goals*, the middle Atlantic and southern states; *communications*, Great Lakes states plus Ontario and Missouri; *finance*, Ohio and Indiana; and *celebration*, the southwest and west coast states including Hawaii.

... The Los Angeles County Christian Endeavor Union has employed **Dave Ferry** as a full-time Executive Director. He went to school at Biola College and Talbot Theological Seminary and earned his degree in Christian Education. The last five years he has served as minister of Christian Education in two churches.

... **Frank P. Wilson**, executive secretary of the Virginia Christian Endeavor Union, resigned from this position, due to ill health, on June 25, 1977. Frank and his wife, Pauline, have served the Virginia Union faithfully for many years and have attended more International activities than many of us can remember. He is a member of the Fairlington Presbyterian Church in Alexandria, Virginia, and has promoted *loyalty to Christ and the Church* throughout his life. We pray God's blessings on this faithful couple in their years of retirement.

... **Mrs. Carolyn Saucier** has resigned as administrative and executive secretary of the Texas Christian Endeavor Union. The resignation was accepted with regrets by the Texas Union. We deeply appreciate the close contact between the International Society and the Texas Union and the part Carolyn played in keeping in touch. God bless you, Carolyn!

... **Cheryl Bekius**, a member of the Ottawa Reformed Church of America, has been elected as the new president of the Michigan Christian Endeavor Union succeeding Ed Driesenga. **Cheryl Jester** was elected president of the North Carolina Christian Endeavor Union succeeding Richard Lidbom of Greensboro.

... **The Rev. Hugh E. Hoyle** (a past president of North Carolina) and Lois Marian Hansan pledged their lives to one another on Friday, August 12, at the Collins Chapel of the International Headquarters of the Pentecostal Holiness Church, Bethany, Oklahoma. They were also honored with a wedding reception in Greensboro on Saturday, August 27.



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Timothy J. Kribs

It is great to be a part of God's great Christian Endeavor Family. Two of our basic principles are loyalty to Christ's church and fellowship with Christ's people. It is a joy to experience these in every area of our diverse movement.

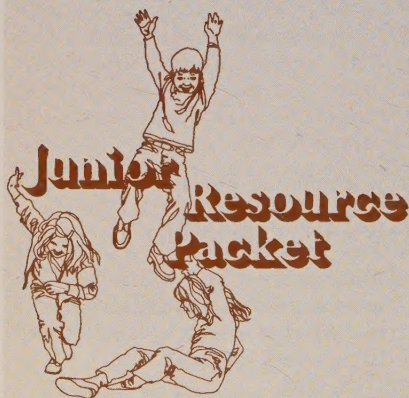
Everywhere I go and share with Christian Endeavorers, I find a unique group of dedicated Christians. They come across denominational and racial lines. Through Christian Endeavor they have learned what it means to trust in the Lord Jesus Christ. They pray and read the Bible every day and thus continually grow in their love for Jesus and His Way.

Christian Endeavor has always stood for "Christ and the Church." Therefore, Christian Endeavorers are always active in their local church and busy extending the witness of Christ. Christian Endeavor churches are always active churches. Christian fellowship, teaching and inspiration which are always part of Christian Endeavor activities lead all to know Jesus and His love more fully.

Those who have grown up in Christian Endeavor are the leaders in the local church. We stay true to our pledge to "support the work and worship of my own church in every way possible." That includes assuming leadership and helping others to grow in Christ and become leaders in the Church. Leadership training is one of the very valuable parts of any effective Christian Endeavor program.

I also find Christian Endeavorers loyal to Christ's Church. We pledge "throughout my whole life I will endeavor to lead a Christian life." Jesus said "Be faithful unto death and I will give you the crown of life" (Rev. 2:10). May our loyalty to Christ and His Church never waiver.

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